(c) what is the estimated loss likely to be suffered on that account and what steps Government are contemplating to clear the stock of coal to minimise the losses ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) and (b) The Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) imports coking coal through various ports including Paradip Port. It plans for an import of about 30,000 tonnes per month through this port and at any period of time, the normal stocks at the port vary between 20—30,000 tonnes. As on April 30, 1986, a relatively high stock of about 48,000 tonnes had accumulated due to inadequate availability of wagons at the port and dislocation of port equipment for some time.

(c) The imported coking coal is stored in SAIL's stockyard taken on lease from the Port, as such no demurrage has been paid to the Port authorities on account of this storage. Steps are being taken in coordination with Railways and the Port authorities to expedite movement of this coking coal to the steel palnts. As a result of these measures, the stocks have come down to around 43,900 tonnes as on the 4th May, 1986.

Allotment of housing contracts by the DDA

*249. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA :

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of firms which have been granted housing contracts worth more than Rs. 2 crores in the year 1985 by the DDA along with the names, tendered cost, and allotted rate of each contract; and

(b) the volume of housing work done by each of these firms in 1984 on the basis of actual payments received by them against the work ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) : (a) Nineteen firms have been alloted total housing contracts of more than Rs. 2 crores in the year 1985-86 by Delhi Development Authority. Their details alongwith tendered cost and allotted rate of each contracts are given in Statement-I laid on the Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXXXVIII, Annexure No. 41].

(b) The requisite information is given in Statement-II laid on the Table of the House . [*See* Appendix CXXXVIII, Annexure No. 42]

Demands of the Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society

@*250. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a press report which appeared in the Times of India dated the 19th March, 1986, stating that the Prime Minister had assured a delegation of the Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society that he would look into their demands, including a stay in the hike in the prices of indigenous newsprint and the abolition of customs duty on imported newsprint; and

(b) if so, what is the response of Government in this regard ?

@Previously Starred Question 170 transferred from the 5th May, 1986.